OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ISSUE #6

Hello everyone! God willing I can start making these again in a reasonable manner, and we'll be starting right now. October has been a bit more eventful hence the delay. First of all, I interacted with the union for the first time and managed to file a grievance! For those who don't know, public workers can make comp time instead of overtime which gets you vacation days. However, they were only being paid out to us 1 to 1 instead of 1.5x like it should be. I was apparently the only one in the office aware of this and when I pointed it out the rep got PISSED that we weren't getting out time. So now it looks like it's all gonna be paid out! In non work related news, this time I hosted a friend who came to visit, long time friend of the newsletter Abby! For those unaware Abby is a friend from the Peace Corps who lived the closest to me (wrong direction though would've taken like an hour to get to her with it being a normally 20 min drive). I always love perfecting my Boston walking tour and having a fun fact lined up for as many buildings as I can remember them for. She came over to go to a concert, Indigo De Souza. I had not heard her music before Abby mentioned the concert, but I have been pleasently surprised how much I like her. My favorite part of the concert was her reacting with and to the crowd. I think crowd work is maybe the most important part of a concert as it's the true difference between listening to a musician and seeing them live, so it was great to see. Finally, it's Halloween time. The Halloween event that presented itself to me was themed on dressing as the concept of the "Father" "Son" or "Holy Spirit". I slightly inversed this prompt by re-using my mom's old nun costume from many years ago. It's basically a habit and the coif with a black jumpsuit that she was willing to part with for a day. It was a solid costume for such a quick turnaround, I voted early on Halloween at City Hall and all the poll workers got a good laugh out of it.

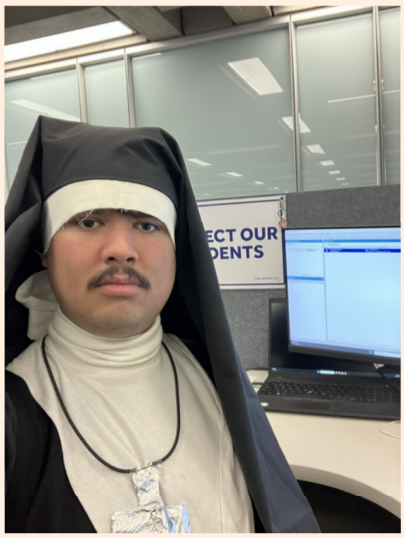
MOVIES I HAVE SEEN

The Long Walk: About 50 boys who are walking to win one wish, really liked it, Enjoyed the main character and his friend. Not to spoil anything, but it is a very sad ending. Overall crazy to think King wrote this at 19

The Lobster: It's an odd movie but that's what is great about it. It excels at showing you the bizarre world the movie takes place in It is called a comedy and I suppose it is but it's also much more than that.

JURY DUTY

The other “cool” thing I did this month was do my jury duty! It was the first one I’ve ever done and it was at Suffolk Superior, which meant that no matter what the case was gonna be a bit interesting. After having to get to the courthouse downtown by 8 AM, I had to wait until around 10 before they brought us to a case. We were told it was for 2nd degree murder and we saw the guy who was accused and his lawyer, which made the case feel much less theoretical than reading one in the paper. Around 1.5 hours after that, we were being called up one by one and thankfully I was in the earlier half. They asked a few general questions and specifically asked about my brother having been a juror recently and how I felt about marijuana that wasn’t bought from a dispensary, took around 3 minutes for all the questions. They talked to themselves for around a minute and I was excused. I can’t lie I felt a little judged being dismissed so easiy, but I did get the rest of my day. Having looked up the case, it was a Craigslist sale of an iPhone which ended up with the accused driving off, but they had snagged the buyers hand and dragged him for ½ a mile ultimately killing him.



THE HALLOWEEN COSTUME

PEARLS OF WISDOM

I’ve been asking some of you for “pearls of wisdom” and here is what I’ve collected so far:

-Life is tough but we have alcohol
-The most important people in your life were your friends at 13 years old
-If you’re anxious about something do it right then cause that anxiety only grows
-Don’t take criticism from people you wouldn’t look for advice from
-Always be cringe in the face of adulthood
-The difficulty and worthiness of a task aren’t necessarily related